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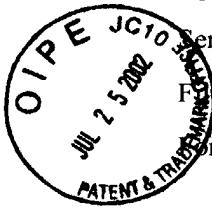
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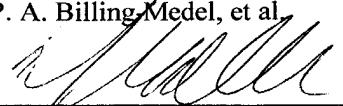
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2002 with respect to the patent application identified above.

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Applicants, by their attorney, now elect the claims of **group one, claims 10-16, 30, 33, 35, 38, and 39**. Accordingly, but without prejudice to the patentability of the subject matter therein, please cancel claims 23-29, 31, 32, and 34. Because all inventors participated jointly in claims 10-16, 30, 33, 35, 38, and 39, no amendment of inventorship is believed necessary. Favorable action is now solicited.



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